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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, AEMG, MOPS, PINS, CG
SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON CIS EVACUATION OF KOLWEZI BASE CAMP

REF: KINSHASA 4880

1. EVACUATION PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. THE FIRST CIS HELICOPTER WAS AIRBORNE WITH EVACUEES FROM KOLWEZI BASE CAMP AT 7:18 A.M. KINSHASA TIME AND HAS LANDED AT MUSONOIE. THE SECOND HELICOPTER CARRYING REMAINDER OF THE DEPENDENTS (12 IN ALL) HAS LEFT KOLWEZI BASE CAMP ENROUTE TO MUSONOIE. THUS ALL DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATEDSFROM KOLWEZI BASE CAMP.

2. REPORTS FROM THE CAMP INDICATE THAT NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE TRANSPIRED DURING NIGHT.

3. RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ROUTE INDICATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MUSONOIS PILOT NOTICED A NUMBER OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE REFUGEES ON COUNTRY ROAD. THEY SEEMED TO HAVE BACKPACKS BUT NO WEAPONS. THE ROADBLOCK PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN THAT AREA HAD BEEN BEEFED UP. THERE WERE ALSO SCATTERED REFUGEES
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ON A TRAIL NEAR THE ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES NORTH OF KOLWEZI. PILOT REPORTS THAT AIRSTRIP AT MUSONOIE IN GOOD CONDITION.

4. TENTATIVE PLANNING IN CASE OF ROADBLOCK IS TO TRUCK PERSONNEL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, OFFLOAD PASSENGERS INTO HELICOPTERS WHICH WOULD THEN BYPASS ROAD BLOCK.

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5. WILL REPORT EVENTS AS INFO RECEIVED.
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